HOUSE BILL No. 1310

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-1.1-5-7; IC 32-21-13; IC 34-30-2-134.8.

Synopsis: Transfer on death deed. Authorizes an owner of real property to transfer ownership of the real property upon the death of the owner by using a transfer on death deed. Provides that a transfer on death deed must be recorded to be valid. Specifies the rights and duties of designated beneficiaries. Requires the grantor's death certificate and other documents to be filed with the county recorder after the death of the grantor.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1310

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 7. (a) A person to whom the title to real property has passed, either under the laws of descent of this state, by a transfer on death deed executed under IC 32-21-13, or by virtue of the last will of a decedent, may procure a transfer of the real property on the tax duplicate on which the real property is assessed and taxed. In order to procure the transfer, the person must prepare an affidavit and, except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, file it with the auditor of the county in which the real property is situated. The affidavit shall contain the following

(1) the decedent's date of death;

information:

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- (2) whether the decedent died testate or intestate; and
- (3) the affiant's interest in the real property.
- (b) In addition, if the This subsection applies in the case of a decedent who died testate. In addition to the other information that must be contained in the affidavit prepared and filed under

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	(a), the affiant must attach a certified copy of the decedent's
	ffidavit. However, if the will has been probated or recorded
	ty in which the real property is located, the affiant, in lieu
	g a certified copy of the will, shall state that fact in the
	d indicate the volume and page of the record where the will
may be four	
(c) This	s subsection applies in the case of a decedent who
	transfer on death deed under IC 32-21-13. In addition
to the infor	mation that must be contained in the affidavit prepared
and filed ur	nder subsection (a), the affidavit must state the fact that
	nt's transfer on death deed was recorded and must
	e volume and page of the record where the transfer on
	may be found.
	Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the county
	ll enter a transfer of the real property in the proper transfer
	he affidavit is filed with his the county auditor's office.
(c) (e) 1	No transfer made under this section has the effect of
conferring t	title upon the person procuring the transfer.
	N 2. IC 32-21-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A NEV	V CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 20	•
-	13. Transfer on Death Deed
	s used in this chapter, "joint owners" refers to persons
-	property as joint tenants with a right of survivorship.
	he term does not include a husband and wife who hold
	s tenants by the entirety.
	As used in this chapter, "LDPS" refers to lineal
	ts per stirpes, which may be used in a beneficiary
_	to designate a substitute beneficiary as provided in
	of this chapter.
	As used in this chapter, "owner" refers to a person or
-	o have a right to designate the beneficiary of a transfer
on death tr	ansfer.
	as used in this chapter, "transfer on death deed" means
	t conveys an interest in real property to a grantee by
-	designation.
	As used in this chapter, "transfer on death transfer"
refers to a	transfer of property that takes effect upon the death of

the property's owner under a beneficiary designation made under

in real property may create an interest in the real property that is

Sec. 6. (a) An individual who owns real property or an interest



this chapter.

1	transferrable on the death of the individual by executing and	
2	recording a deed conveying the interest in the real property to one	
3	(1) or more named individuals as transfer on death beneficiaries.	
4	(b) An owner may revoke or change a beneficiary designation	
5	under subsection (a) at any time before the owner's death.	
6	Sec. 7. The following transfers of ownership are not considered	
7	transfer on death transfers for purposes of this chapter:	
8	(1) Transfers by rights of survivorship in property held as	
9	joint tenants or tenants by the entirety.	
10	(2) A transfer to a remainderman on the termination of a life	
11	tenancy.	
12	(3) An inter vivos or a testamentary transfer under a trust	
13	established by an individual.	
14	(4) A transfer made under the exercise or nonexercise of a	
15	power of appointment.	_
16	(5) A transfer made on the death of a person who did not have	
17	the right to designate the person's estate as the beneficiary of	
18	the transfer.	
19	Sec. 8. Subject to section 19 of this chapter, an interest in real	
20	property transferred in a deed executed under this chapter is	
21	transferred upon the death of the grantor.	
22	Sec. 9. For purposes of construing this chapter or a beneficiary	
23	designation made under this chapter, the death of the last surviving	
24	owner of property held by joint owners is considered the death of	
25	the owner.	
26	Sec. 10. (a) A deed that is:	
27	(1) worded in substance as "A.B. transfers on death to C.D."	
28	(here describe the real property) "for the sum of" (here	V
29	describe the consideration, if any); and	
30	(2) signed, sealed, and acknowledged by the grantor (as	
31	defined in IC 32-17-1-1);	
32	is a good and sufficient conveyance on the death of the grantor to	
33	the grantee and the grantee's heirs and assigns.	
34	(b) A deed executed under this chapter must name a transfer on	
35	death beneficiary.	
36	(c) A deed executed under this chapter is void unless the deed is	
37	recorded under IC 32-21-3 in the county in which the real property	
38	interest transferred in the deed is located.	
39 40	Sec. 11. A deed executed under this chapter is not required to	
40 41	be:	
41	(1) supported by consideration; or	
42	(2) delivered to the named transfer on death beneficiary;	



1	to be effective.
2	Sec. 12. (a) A transfer on death deed may be used to transfer an
3	interest in real property to either a revocable or an irrevocable
4	trust.
5	(b) If the owner makes a transfer on death deed, the effect of the
6	conveyance is determined as follows:
7	(1) If the owner's interest in the real property is as a tenant by
8	the entirety, the conveyance is inoperable and void unless the
9	owner's spouse joins in the conveyance.
10	(2) If the owner's interest in the real property is as a joint
11	tenant with rights of survivorship, the conveyance severs the
12	joint tenancy and the cotenancy becomes a tenancy in
13	common.
14	(3) If the owner's interest in the real property is as a joint
15	tenant with rights of survivorship and the property is subject
16	to a beneficiary designation, a conveyance of any joint
17	owner's interest has no effect on the original beneficiary
18	designation for the nonsevering joint tenant.
19	(4) If the owner's interest is as a tenant in common, the
20	owner's interest passes to the beneficiary as a transfer on
21	death transfer.
22	(5) If the owner's interest is a life estate determined by the
23	owner's life, the conveyance is inoperable and void.
24	(6) If the owner's interest is any other interest, the interest
25	passes in accordance with this chapter and the terms and
26	conditions of the conveyance establishing the interest. If a
27	conflict exists between the conveyance establishing the
28	interest and this chapter, the terms and conditions of the
29	conveyance establishing the interest prevail.
30	Sec. 13. Before the death of the owner, a beneficiary has no
31	rights in the property because of the beneficiary designation. The
32	signature or agreement of the beneficiary is not required for any
33	transaction relating to property transferred under this chapter. If
34	a lienholder takes action to enforce a lien, by foreclosure or
35	otherwise through a court proceeding, it is not necessary to join the
36	beneficiary as a party defendant in the action unless the
37	beneficiary has another interest in the real property that has
38	vested.
39	Sec. 14. (a) An owner may revoke a beneficiary designation
40	made in a transfer on death deed by executing and recording with

the recorder of deeds in the county in which the real property is



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situated either:

1	(1) a subsequent deed of conveyance revoking, omitting, or
2	changing the beneficiary designation; or
3	(2) an affidavit acknowledged or proved under IC 32-21-2-3
4	that revokes or changes the beneficiary designation.
5	(b) A physical act, such as a written modification on or the
6	destruction of a transfer on death deed after the transfer on death
7	deed has been recorded, has no effect on the beneficiary
8	designation.
9	(c) A transfer on death deed may not be revoked or modified by
10	will or trust.
11	Sec. 15. (a) A revocation or change of a beneficiary designation
12	involving property owned as tenants by the entirety must be made
13	with the agreement of both tenants for so long as both tenants are
14	alive. After an individual dies owning as a tenant by the entirety
15	property that is subject to a beneficiary designation, the
16	individual's surviving spouse may revoke or change the beneficiary
17	designation.
18	(b) A revocation or change of a beneficiary designation
19	involving property owned in a form of ownership (other than as
20	tenants by the entirety) that restricts conveyance of the interest
21	unless another person joins in the conveyance must be made with
22	the agreement of each living owner required to join in a
23	conveyance.
24	(c) A revocation or change of a beneficiary designation involving
25	property owned by joint owners with a right of survivorship must
26	be made with the agreement of each living owner.
27	(d) A subsequent beneficiary designation revokes a prior
28	beneficiary designation unless the subsequent beneficiary
29	designation expressly provides otherwise.
30	(e) A revocation or change in a beneficiary designation must
31	comply with the terms of any governing instrument, this chapter,
32	and any other applicable law.
33	(f) A transfer during the owner's lifetime of the owner's interest
34	in the property, with or without consideration, terminates the
35	beneficiary designation with respect to the property transferred.
36	(g) The effective date of a revocation or change in a beneficiary
37	designation is determined in the same manner as the effective date
38	of a beneficiary designation.
39	Sec. 16. (a) An attorney in fact, guardian, conservator, or other
40	agent acting on the behalf of the owner of property may make,
41	revoke, or change a beneficiary designation if:
42	(1) the action complies with the terms of this chapter and any



1	other applicable law; and
2	(2) the action is not expressly forbidden by the document
3	establishing the agent's right to act on behalf of the owner.
4	(b) An attorney in fact, guardian, conservator, or other agent
5	may withdraw, sell, pledge, or otherwise transfer property that is
6	subject to a beneficiary designation notwithstanding the fact that
7	the effect of the transaction may be to extinguish a beneficiary's
8	right to receive a transfer of the property upon the death of the
9	owner.
10	(c) The rights of a beneficiary to any part of property that is
11	subject to a beneficiary designation are determined under
12	IC 29-3-8-6.5 if:
13	(1) a guardian or conservator takes possession of the
14	property;
15	(2) the guardian sells, transfers, encumbers, or consumes the
16	property during the protected person's lifetime; and
17	(3) the owner subsequently dies.
18	Sec. 17. (a) On the death of one (1) of two (2) or more joint
19	owners, property with respect to which a beneficiary designation
20	has been made belongs to the surviving joint owner or owners. If
21	at least two (2) joint owners survive, the right of survivorship
22	continues as between the surviving owners.
23	(b) On the death of a tenant by the entireties, property with
24	respect to which a beneficiary designation has been made belongs
25	to the surviving tenant.
26	(c) On the death of the owner, property with respect to which a
27	beneficiary designation has been made passes by operation of law
28	to the beneficiary.
29	(d) If two (2) or more beneficiaries survive, there is no right of
30	survivorship among the beneficiaries when the death of a
31	beneficiary occurs after the death of the owner unless the
32	beneficiary designation expressly provides for survivorship among
33	the beneficiaries. Except as otherwise expressly provided, the
34	surviving beneficiaries hold their separate interest in the property
35	as tenants in common. The share of any beneficiary who dies after
36	the owner dies belongs to the deceased beneficiary's estate.
37	(e) If no beneficiary survives the owner, the property belongs to
38	the estate of the owner unless the beneficiary designation directs
39	the transfer to a substitute beneficiary in the manner required by
40	section 19 of this chapter.
41	Sec. 18. (a) Except as provided by subsection (b), if, after an
42	owner makes a beneficiary designation, the owner's marriage is



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1	dissolved or annulled, any provision of the beneficiary designation
2	in favor of the owner's former spouse is revoked on the date the
3	marriage is dissolved or annulled. Revocation under this subsection
4	is effective regardless of whether the beneficiary designation refers
5	to the owner's marital status. The beneficiary designation is given
6	effect as if the former spouse had not survived the owner.
7	(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a provision of a beneficiary
8	designation that:
9	(1) has been made irrevocable, or revocable only with the
10	spouse's consent;
11	(2) is made after the marriage is dissolved or annulled; or
12	(3) expressly states that the dissolution or annulment of the
13	marriage does not affect the designation of a spouse or a
14	relative of the spouse as a beneficiary.
15	(c) A provision of a beneficiary designation that is revoked
16	solely by subsection (a) is revived by the owner's remarriage to the
17	former spouse or by a nullification of the dissolution or annulment
18	of the marriage.
19	Sec. 19. (a) Upon the death of an individual conveying an
20	interest in real property in a deed executed and recorded under
21	this chapter, the interest in real property is transferred to:
22	(1) each designated beneficiary who survives the grantor; and
23	(2) each individual entitled to receive the property in the place
24	of a designated beneficiary who does not survive the grantor.
25	(b) A designated beneficiary's rights under this chapter are not
26	extinguished when the designated beneficiary does not survive the
27	owner if:
28	(1) subsection (c) applies in the case of a designated
29	beneficiary who is a lineal descendant of the owner; or
30	(2) subsection (e) applies in the case of a designated
31	beneficiary who is not a lineal descendant of the owner.
32	(c) If a designated beneficiary who is a lineal descendant of the
33	owner:
34	(1) is deceased at the time the beneficiary designation is made;
35	(2) does not survive the owner; or
36	(3) is treated as not surviving the owner;
37	the beneficiary's right to a transfer on death transfer belongs to the
38	beneficiary's lineal descendants per stirpes who survive the owner
39	unless the owner provides otherwise under subsection (d).
40	(d) An owner may execute a beneficiary designation to which
41	subsection (c) does not apply by:

(1) making the notation "No LDPS" after a beneficiary's



1	name; or
2	(2) including other words negating an intention to direct the
3	transfer to the lineal descendant substitutes of the
4	nonsurviving beneficiary.
5	(e) An owner may execute a beneficiary designation that
6	provides that the right to a transfer on death transfer belonging to
7	a beneficiary who is not a lineal descendant of the owner and does
8	not survive the owner belongs to the beneficiary's lineal
9	descendants per stirpes who survive the owner. An owner's intent
10	to direct the transfer to the nonsurviving beneficiary's lineal
11	descendants per stirpes must be shown by either of the following on
12	the beneficiary designation after the name of the beneficiary:
13	(1) The words "and lineal descendants per stirpes".
14	(2) The notation "LDPS".
15	(f) When two (2) or more individuals receive a transfer on death
16	transfer as substitute beneficiaries under subsection (c) or (e), the
17	individuals are entitled to equal shares of the property if they are
18	of the same degree of kinship to the nonsurviving beneficiary. If the
19	substitute beneficiaries are of unequal degrees of kinship, an
20	individual of a more remote degree is entitled by representation to
21	the share that would otherwise belong to the individual's parent.
22	(g) If:
23	(1) a designated beneficiary of a transfer on death transfer
24	does not survive the owner;
25	(2) either subsection (c) or (e) applies; and
26	(3) no lineal descendant of the designated beneficiary survives
27	the owner;
28	the right to receive the property transferred belongs to the other
29	surviving beneficiaries. If no other beneficiary survives the owner,
30	the property belongs to the owner's estate.
31	Sec. 20. Except as otherwise provided in a transfer on death
32	deed or any other applicable law, the following rules apply to a
33	transfer on death deed:
34	(1) A beneficiary designation may designate one (1) or more
35	primary beneficiaries and one (1) or more contingent
36	beneficiaries.
37	(2) A primary beneficiary is the person shown immediately
38	following the transfer on death direction. Words indicating
39	that the person is a primary beneficiary are not required. The
40	name of a contingent beneficiary in the registration must have
41	the words "contingent beneficiary" or words of similar

meaning to indicate the contingent nature of the interest being



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1 2	transferred. (3) Multiple surviving beneficiaries share equally in the	
3	property being transferred unless a different percentage or	
<i>3</i>	fractional share is stated for each beneficiary. If a percentage	
5	or fractional share is designated for multiple beneficiaries, the	
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7	surviving beneficiaries share in the proportion that their	
8	designated shares bear to each other.	
8	(4) A transfer on death transfer of property also transfers any rent or other income earned on the property but not paid	
10	before the owner's death.	
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11 12	(5) On the death of the owner, the property belongs to the surviving beneficiaries and, in the case of substitute	•
13 14	beneficiaries permitted under section 19 of this chapter, the	
15	lineal descendants of designated beneficiaries who did not survive the owner are entitled to the property as follows:	
16	(A) If there are multiple primary beneficiaries and a	
17	primary beneficiary does not survive the owner and does	
18	not have a substitute under section 19 of this chapter, the	•
19	share of the nonsurviving beneficiary is allocated among	
20	the surviving beneficiaries in the proportion that their	
21	shares bear to each other.	
22	(B) If there are no surviving primary beneficiaries and	
23	there are no substitutes for the nonsurviving primary	
24	beneficiaries under section 19 of this chapter, the property	
25	belongs to the surviving contingent beneficiaries in equal	
26	shares or according to the percentages or fractional shares	
27	stated in the registration.	
28	(C) If there are multiple contingent beneficiaries and a	1
29	contingent beneficiary does not survive the owner and does	
30	not have a substitute under section 19 of this chapter, the	
31	share of the nonsurviving contingent beneficiary is	
32	allocated among the surviving contingent beneficiaries in	
33	the proportion that their shares bear to each other.	
34	(6) If a trustee designated as a beneficiary:	
35	(A) does not survive the owner;	
36	(B) resigns; or	
37	(C) is unable or unwilling to execute the trust as trustee	
38	and no successor trustee is appointed in the twelve (12)	
39	months following the owner's death;	
40	the administrator of the owner's estate may transfer the real	
41	property as if the trust did not survive the owner.	
42	(7) If a trustee is designated as a beneficiary and no trust	



1	instrument or probated will creating an express trust is
2	presented to the administrator of the owner's estate, the
3	administrator may transfer the real property as if the trust
4	did not survive the owner.
5	(8) If the administrator of the owner's estate is not presented
6	evidence during the twelve (12) months after the owner's
7	death that there are lineal descendants of a nonsurviving
8	beneficiary for whom LDPS distribution applies who survived
9	the owner, the administrator may transfer the real property
10	as if the nonsurviving beneficiary's descendants also failed to
11	survive the owner.
12	(9) If a beneficiary cannot be located at the time the transfer
13	is made to located beneficiaries, the administrator of the
14	owner's estate shall hold the missing beneficiary's share. If the
15	missing beneficiary's interest in the real property is not
16	claimed by the beneficiary or by the beneficiary's personal
17	representative or successor during the twelve (12) months
18	after the owner's death, the administrator of the owner's
19	estate shall transfer the interest in the real property as if the
20	beneficiary did not survive the owner.
21	(10) The administrator of the owner's estate has no obligation
22	to attempt to locate a missing beneficiary.
23	(11) Rent or other income payable to a missing beneficiary
24	may be held by the administrator of the owner's estate in an
25	interest bearing account for the missing beneficiary.
26	(12) If the administrator of the owner's estate is required to
27	make a transfer on death transfer to a minor or an
28	incapacitated adult, the transfer may be made under the
29	Indiana Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (IC 30-2-8.5), the
30	Indiana Uniform Custodial Trust Act (IC 30-2-8.6), or a
31	similar law of another state.
32	Sec. 21. If property subject to a beneficiary designation is lost,
33	destroyed, damaged, or involuntarily converted during the owner's
34	lifetime, the beneficiary succeeds to any right with respect to the
35	loss, destruction, damage, or involuntary conversion that the
36	owner would have had if the owner had survived. However, the
37	beneficiary has no interest in any payment or substitute property
38	received by the owner during the owner's lifetime.
39	Sec. 22. (a) A beneficiary of a transfer on death transfer takes
40	the owner's interest in the property at the death of the owner

subject to all conveyances, assignments, contracts, set offs, licenses,

easements, liens, and security interests made by the owner or to



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which the owner was subject during the owner's lifetime. (b) Each beneficiary's liability with respect to an unsatisfied request for payment is limited to the same proportionate share of the request for payment as the beneficiary's proportionate share of the account under the beneficiary designation. Each beneficiary has the right of contribution from the other beneficiaries with	
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death, to the extent that the request for payment would have been	
enforceable by the payee during the owner's lifetime.	
Sec. 23. (a) A trustee of a trust may be a designated beneficiary	4
regardless of whether the trust is amendable, revocable,	
irrevocable, funded, unfunded, or amended after the designation	•
is made.	
(b) Unless a beneficiary designation provides otherwise, a trust	
that is revoked or terminated before the death of the owner is	
considered nonexistent at the owner's death.	4
(c) Unless a beneficiary designation provides otherwise, a legal	
entity or trust that does not:	`
(1) exist; or	
(2) come into existence effective as of the owner's death;	
is considered nonexistent at the owner's death.	
Sec. 24. (a) A transfer under a transfer on death deed occurs	
automatically upon the owner's death subject to the requirements	
of subsection (b) and does not require a request for the execution	
of the transfer.	
(b) On the death of an owner whose transfer on death deed has	
been recorded, the beneficiary shall file an affidavit in the office of	_
the recorder of the county in which the real property is located.	
The affidavit must contain the following:	
(1) The legal description of the property.	
(2) A certified copy of the death certificate certifying the	
owner's death.	
(3) The name and address of each designated beneficiary who	
survives the owner or is in existence on the date of the owner's	
death.	
(4) The name of each designated beneficiary who has not	
survived the owner's death or is not in existence on the date of	
the owner's death.	
(5) A cross-reference to the recorded transfer on death deed.	
Sec. 25. A transfer of an interest in real property under this	
chapter is subject to the following:	
(1) IC 6-1.1-5.	
	has the right of contribution from the other beneficiaries with respect to a request for payment that is satisfied after the owner's death, to the extent that the request for payment would have been enforceable by the payee during the owner's lifetime. Sec. 23. (a) A trustee of a trust may be a designated beneficiary regardless of whether the trust is amendable, revocable, irrevocable, funded, unfunded, or amended after the designation is made. (b) Unless a beneficiary designation provides otherwise, a trust that is revoked or terminated before the death of the owner is considered nonexistent at the owner's death. (c) Unless a beneficiary designation provides otherwise, a legal entity or trust that does not: (1) exist; or (2) come into existence effective as of the owner's death; is considered nonexistent at the owner's death. Sec. 24. (a) A transfer under a transfer on death deed occurs automatically upon the owner's death subject to the requirements of subsection (b) and does not require a request for the execution of the transfer. (b) On the death of an owner whose transfer on death deed has been recorded, the beneficiary shall file an affidavit in the office of the recorder of the county in which the real property is located. The affidavit must contain the following: (1) The legal description of the property. (2) A certified copy of the death certificate certifying the owner's death. (3) The name and address of each designated beneficiary who survives the owner or is in existence on the date of the owner's death. (4) The name of each designated beneficiary who has not survived the owner's death or is not in existence on the date of the owner's death. (5) A cross-reference to the recorded transfer on death deed. Sec. 25. A transfer of an interest in real property under this chapter is subject to the following:



1	(A) IC (11 5 5
1	(2) IC 6-1.1-5.5.
2	(3) IC 6-4.1.
3	Sec. 26. A deed executed under this chapter is not testamentary.
4	Sec. 27. (a) A beneficiary designation or a revocation of a
5	beneficiary designation that is procured by fraud, duress, undue
6	influence, or mistake or because the owner lacked capacity is void.
7	(b) A beneficiary designation made under this chapter is subject
8	to IC 29-1-2-12.1.
9	Sec. 28. (a) No law intended to protect a spouse or child from
10	disinheritance by the will of a testator applies to a transfer on
11	death transfer.
12	(b) A transfer on death deed designating the children of the
13	owner or children of any other person as a class and not by name
14	includes all children of the person regardless of whether the child
15	is born or adopted before or after the transfer on death deed is
16	made.
17	(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), a child of the owner
18	born or adopted after the owner makes a transfer on death deed
19	that names another child of the owner as the beneficiary is entitled
20	to receive a fractional share of the property that would otherwise
21	be transferred to the named beneficiary. The share of the property
22	to which each child of the owner is entitled to receive is expressed
23	as a fraction in which the numerator is one (1) and the
24	denominator is the total number of the owner's children.
25	(d) A transfer on death deed may provide that subsection (c)
26	does not apply to an owner's beneficiary designation.
27	(e) If a transfer on death deed does not name any child of the
28	owner as the designated beneficiary with respect to a particular
29	property interest, a child of the owner born or adopted after the
30	owner makes the transfer on death deed is not entitled to any share
31	of the property interest subject to the designation.
32	Sec. 29. A transfer on death deed is presumed to be valid. A
33	party may rely on the presumption of validity unless the party has
34	actual knowledge that the transfer on death deed was not validly
35	executed. A person who acts in good faith reliance on a transfer on
36	death deed is immune from liability to the same extent as if the
37	person had dealt directly with the named owner and the named
38	owner had been competent and not incapacitated.
39	Sec. 30. (a) A purchaser for value of property or a lender who
40	acquires a security interest in the property from a beneficiary of a
41	transfer on death transfer:

(1) in good faith; or



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1	(2) without actual knowledge that:
2	(A) the transfer was improper; or
3	(B) information in an affidavit provided under section
4	24(b) of this chapter was not true;
5	takes the property free of any claims of or liability to the owner's
6	estate, creditors of the owner's estate, persons claiming rights as
7	beneficiaries of the transfer on death transfer, or heirs of the
8	owner's estate. A purchaser or lender for value has no duty to
9	verify sworn information relating to the transfer on death transfer.
10	(b) The protection provided by subsection (a) applies to
11	information that relates to the beneficiary's ownership interest in
12	the property and the beneficiary's right to sell, encumber, and
13	transfer good title to a purchaser or lender but does not relieve a
14	purchaser or lender from the notice provided by instruments of
15	record with respect to the property.
16	(c) A transfer on death transfer that is improper under section
17	18, 19, 27, or 28 of this chapter imposes no liability on the
18	administrator of the owner's estate if the transfer is made in good
19	faith. The remedy of a rightful transferee must be obtained in an
20	action against the improper transferee.
21	Sec. 31. (a) This chapter does not limit the rights of an owner's
22	creditors against beneficiaries and other transferees that may be
23	available under any other applicable Indiana law.
24	(b) The liability of a beneficiary for creditor claims and
25	statutory allowances is determined under IC 32-17-13.
26	Sec. 32. (a) The probate court shall hear and determine
27	questions and issue appropriate orders concerning the
28	determination of the beneficiary who is entitled to receive a
29	transfer on death transfer and the proper share of each
30	beneficiary.
31	(b) The probate court shall hear and determine questions and
32	issue appropriate orders concerning any action to:
33	(1) obtain the distribution of any money or property from the
34	administrator of the owner's estate; or
35	(2) with respect to money or property that was improperly
36	distributed to any person, obtain the return of:
37	(A) any money or property and income earned on the
38	money or property; or
39	(B) an amount equal to the sum of the value of the money
40	or property plus income and gain realized from the money
41	or property.
42	SECTION 3. IC 34-30-2-134.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



- 1 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 134.8. IC 32-21-13-29 and
- 3 IC 32-21-13-30 (Concerning a person acting in good faith reliance
- 4 on a transfer on death deed).

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